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PASS AGRICULTURE ELECTRONICALLY FOR SECRETARY BERGLAND
AND HUGHES, FAS; STR ELECTRONICALLY FOR STARKEY
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SUBJ: BERGLAND/GUNDELACH MEETING DECEMBER 19

REF: (A) STATE 295120, (B) EC A-390

1. EC DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE RABOT TOLD US
THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 14 THAT GUNDELACH DOES NOT WISH
TO DISCUSS ITEM 6 OF OUR PROPOSED AGENDA (REF. A).
GUNDELACH FEELS THAT THE SUBJECT MEETING IS NOT THE
SETTING FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS, WHICH ARE MORE THE
RESPONSIBILITY IN HIS VIEW OF THE TECHNICAL NEGOTIATORS
THEMSELVES. WE REPLIED THAT WE FELT IT NECESSARY AT
LEAST TO EXPLORE THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF "REQUESTS AND
OFFERS" TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR RESPECTIVE
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FLEXIBILITIES IN THIS AREA. WE ACCEPT DELETION OF
ITEM 6 FROM FORMAL AGENDA, BUT NATURE IS SO IMPORTANT
THAT WE BELIEVE SECRETARY SHOULD MAKE UNILATERAL
STATEMENT IN MEETINGS. IF GUNDELACH PREFERS NOT TO
DISCUSS MATTER THEN, HE COULD AT LEAST TAKE NOTE OF
OUR VIEW. MOREOVER, ON MARGIN OF SOCIAL EVENTS
(LUNCH OR DINNER) SECRETARY AND OTHERS MIGHT TRY TO

DRAW GUNDELACH AND COMMISSION TEAM INTO DISCUSSION.

2. GUNDELACH WISHES TO ADD "SOYBEANS" TO THE AGENDA IMMEDIATELY AFTER FEEDGRAINS. RABOT COULD NOT ELABORATE ANY MORE THAN THIS. WE BELIEVE GUNDELACH'S INTENTION IS TO DISCUSS PRICE STABILITY FOR SOYBEANS. IT MAY BE USEFUL AT THE APPROPRIATE MOMENT TO QUESTION THE COMMISSION'S INTENTIONS REGARDING SOYBEANS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COMMISSION'S INTENTIONS TO CONTROL IMPORTS OF FEEDGRAIN SUBSTITUTES (REF. B).

3. RABOT SAID THAT GUNDELACH SPECIFICALLY SAID HE DID NOT INTEND TO NEGOTIATE ANY TEXTS IN THIS MEETING. WE SAID NEITHER DID WE, BUT THAT WE INTENDED TO LEAVE THE MEETING WITH AS CLEAR AN UNDERSTANDING AS POSSIBLE OF OUR RESPECTIVE NEGOTIATING FLEXIBILITIES AND IDENTIFICATION OF PROBLEMS NEEDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND NEGOTIATION THAT APPEARED TO BE UNSOLVABLE.

4. RABOT SAID THE FOLLOWING COMMISSION OFFICIALS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE DECEMBER 19 MEETINGS: GUNDELACH, ONE OR TWO MEMBERS OF GUNDELACH'S CABINET, RABOT, PIZZUTI, POSSIBLY JACQUOT, AND PHAN VAN PHI. HINTON

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